

HB 292 -- SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

SPONSOR: Kelley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill requires the court having jurisdiction over the case to inform a sex offender of his or her possible obligation to register as a sex offender both prior to release or discharge and at the time of adjudication.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that currently there is no requirement that a defendant be told of his possible obligation to register as a sex offender. As a result, some defendants are not told and then inadvertently fail to register. This bill will clear up this ambiguity in the law.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Kelley.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.